

Local Homeless Coordinating Board
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Minutes

Del Seymour: We got a lot of things on the agenda, so we will try to be as efficient as possible today, and still making sure that everyone is heard. So, we will start with the minutes from August. We'll review those first.

Del Seymour: In the meantime, we'll have two members out today. Kim, although she is actually added a new member to the board, so she won't be here today or the next couple months. And also, Ralph the co-chair is running late. He's having car problems, so he may or may not be here.

Del Seymour: I'm going to ask the board, right now, if we have a ... As far as our agenda this morning, I want to move the agenda around a little bit because we have a presentation by a young citizen, and the Human Rights Commissioner is in the house today. She only has a few moments to be here, so I'm asking if we can move item six to actively item two, I'm sorry, item three. Can I have a motion to make that move?

Del Seymour: Okay. We're in a new set move. This time we'll ask, we have a presentation by a young member of the community who's been ... I'll let her explain what she did. You want to come up young lady? And Commissioner Davis, you want to come up please? And maybe, before you start, Commissioner Davis, maybe you could explain what this is about with the mirrors, Commissioner?

Sheryl Davis: Thank you. Good morning, so Sheryl Davis, the Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Had the pleasure of leading Mayor Breed's opportunities for all this summer, which was focused on creating paid work based learning opportunities for young people up to age 24. Really grateful for the opportunity to work with a bunch of different non-profits and private sector businesses for opportunities to engage young people specifically around tech.

So, I think this is a presentation on one of those. We were able to have a partnership with LinkedIn, AirBNB, Google, Facebook, and really was excited about the ability to give young people that typically would not have access to those internships, or those opportunities, not just an opportunity to be in that space, but to be paid to be in that space.

Del Seymour: Why's the program unique to this office here? To this Board?

Sheryl Davis: Well, I think the main reason would be that opportunities for all was really about who was missing, and trying to be very intentional about that. And so, working to make sure that young people from neighborhoods, and demographics, and experiences that typically don't have access to paid, work based learning opportunities gain them. So, focusing on trying to be intentional about homeless youth. Trying to be intentional about youth of color specifically, African American LatinX populations. They're trying to also be intentional about those folks in the margins, whatever those may look like.

Del Seymour: And how many young folks did you have this summer?

Sheryl Davis: So, we had over two thousand young people register. We were able to place almost 1800. I would say what we know about the demographics of San Francisco in terms of the wage and wealth gaps that are occurring between people of color and white folks, we were really excited to know that we had nearly, we had 19% African American young people register and get placed in the program. We had 18% LatinX and now we are looking at the neighborhoods. The three top neighborhoods were all predominantly neighborhoods that support people that are struggling with housing, or people that are low income, or extremely low income.

So, really grateful for the intentionality to get to the folks that typically don't have access, and also some of the largest application periods actually come after most programs have started. So, we knew that we got the uptick between the last two weeks of June, and the first week of July, and that's because that's typically when young people found out that they weren't accepted into programs, so we knew we were getting folks that had been denied in other places.

Speaker 6: I'm a current sophomore at Sacred Heart Behavioral. So, basically, I chose to do my website on homelessness, because I feel it's one of the biggest crises. It's so prevalent, yet so often ignored because since we see it so often, I'm sure many of you saw it on your way here, we choose to turn a blind eye to it. And I wanted to make it so people, even if they feel like they can't financially get involved, they can still fight homelessness, and we can fight it as a community. I just wanted to show some statistics that I found that I was really surprised by. First off, 5.7% of the homeless in California live in San Francisco alone, and 68.9% of homeless in California live unsheltered. There's 1,363 accompanied homeless youth and there's been a 17% rise in homelessness in the last two years.

These are some of the sources. So, on my website you can click and read more from the articles where I got the statistics. What BUILD actually is, is it's a nonprofit idea in the works where we build pride and community that's often neglected by society. I chose to make my website an interactive design where you have to scroll to find out information. BUILD is a nonprofit that plans to create beautiful mini communities that are built and designed by the residents and neighbors in the community. It is about more than just building living spaces. We build pride in those who society often neglects, and we break financial barriers.

So, I've listed a summary of my plan, which includes talking to the city for investments, going to schools, corporations, small businesses, et cetera. And getting volunteers to build the community. And I want the community members, and those who volunteer to stay connected so that there's always that relationship. So, other things about living spaces is everything would be done in a very beautiful way because if something is beautiful, people take pride in it.

You can read more about the idea on my website. There's information on what each house community would include. And so, for funds, I would turn to schools, corporations, and neighborhood businesses. One of the reasons that schools are so important to me for this project, is that there's a cycle of good will. If it starts young, it'll last a really long time. It's very important to educate students on what's going on in their city, because they will get involved later in life. And it should start when they're young.

Speaker 6: So, here's some more information about funding, and the ultimate goal of my project is creating a space where homeless can feel they belong and take pride in. Some inspiration for my project. Living in San Francisco is unavoidable to see the extent of homelessness in San Francisco. I see them near where I work, near where I go to school, and even near my block. But because we see homelessness so frequently, we often go numb to it and its devastation. Too much exposure causes us to blind ourselves with ignorance. But like you can't condemn anyone who chooses to blind themselves without being called a hypocrite because often times, when we see the homeless, we only give them a smile, or our spare change, or small talk. I wanted to make a way that people could get involved, anyone, from any walk of life.

I chose to use this photo because it's by an Australian artist who paints graffiti, and it says "Keep your coins, I want change." Because in essence, this is what the project's about. Motivating people to find ways to change without necessarily giving money. So, to help out, again, there's more than just funding. You can submit design ideas you might have for a community, or any other ideas you may have. Contact me, I have my email and number on the web page. And if inspiration strikes you, I wanted to link a website where you can just start designing. So, anyone, regardless of who you are, can start designing the communities.

Del Seymour: Okay, great presentation. I think we have accommodations for the board of supervisors. I'll look at Courtney's here from District Six.

Del Seymour: Good job. I really want to congratulate you. Any comments from the board regarding?

Sophia Isom: I just want to say it was very impressive what you did, and we need more young people like you to step forward and really try to bring social change. Thank you for your efforts and time.

James Loyce: Yeah, I really appreciate the presentation. And what really impresses me is the fact that young folks in San Francisco are engaged in a process of change, but they aren't often recognized. So, I really appreciate you coming here today, and want to recognize you for your effort and your work. Thank you very much.

Sheryl Davis: And if I could just say thank you all for recognizing and hosting them. There were about 13 cohorts that did similar. There was a group that did work around housing security, food security, and worked on plans that they hope in the same way to present to different bodies. Thank you for being the first to entertain that.

Del Seymour: And thank you for coming in ma'am. Thank you very much. Do we have any comments from the general public? Questions? Okay. Thank you all for coming this morning. Thank you young lady.

Del Seymour: Okay, we'll go to our next item which will be board member announcements and scheduling of next month's agenda. Do we have any announcements? Or at this time, this is where we can make nominations that will go on next month's agenda.

Kelley Cutler: Yes, so it will essentially be on the agenda for next month, but it's for the board retreat. We scheduled that, make that happen.

Jeff: If we could, it would be good to add that to the agenda for next time. We'll present potential ... Because this has to be done as a public process, and so we can present a tentative agenda, or get feed back from board members, and a location and some dates. And we can have that approved at the next weekend. If it pleases the board, we should add that to the agenda for the next meeting.

Kelley Cutler: I was going to say we've been working on that for a while.

Charles Minor: In light of kind of Jeff's comment about having it be a public process, I do actually have three sets of dates that I have reservations for rooms. And so, what I'll do next month, is I can bring those dates to the board to actually vote on, to make sure we're keeping it transparent.

Del Seymour: We will be able to vote on a date at the next meeting. Is that correct?

Jeff Kositsky: It would be good if we found a date that worked good for everybody before then, and just presented a final agenda at the October meeting. But, let's just get that memorialized at the meeting if it's okay with the board.

James Loyce: I will not be at the October meeting, and I'll be away for the full month of October. I won't return until November.

Brenda Jewett: I know that you touched on First Friendship, but I would love to have a more detailed conversation about what is actually replacing it. First Friendship, the shelter. Is it closing? Oh. Well, then I'd like to know why not.

Jeff Kositsky: I think we can put that on the agenda, if the board agrees.

Charles: What I'd like to do is as we have conversation of multiple topics, that what we will do kind of when we're reaching the point of submission is to have an actual vote on each one of these items, so it's not as if we're throwing it out there, that we're actually coming to a vote on it, so we can have a couple minutes as we kind of finish the conversation up. To go back to each one of the agenda items so it's clear whether it's going to be agendized or not, and actually have a vote on each one of those. That would be appreciated.

Andrea: Follow up question on the retreat, what exactly is the purpose for a retreat?

Del Seymour: I think the retreat is mainly for I think better relationships between each other. And then come up with a plan on how we will better be able to help in our mission with the city, and all these other agencies. And generally, I think right now this board needs to make sure that we're all, we don't have to be on the same page, that's what the board is. The board is not really supposed to be on the same page, but how we can learn together with each other, , certain items that collectively we can agree to disagree on. And what, it's a three hour event right? No, okay.

Andrea: Will we have an outside facilitator, or just kind of an internal huddle with the public?

Del Seymour: Generally, retreats are done by outside facilitators. I would not necessarily be that enthused if it was the department who was the person facilitating.

Kelley Cutler: How are we going about deciding that? One person comes to mind for me, would be Laura Guzman

Del Seymour: I feel we can vote on who we can have. And I'm with you on that. I don't know how the other members feel about her history.

Kelley Cutler: I would be fine with Laura as well.

Del Seymour: How do we facilitate vote on that Charles? We can request Laura?

James Loyce: I don't know that we can be voting on something that's not calendar.

James Loyce: I'm having some difficulty with this process. I think that it's important, the subject matter, but to decide that we're going to vote on something today, when we have the calendar, the public hasn't had the chance to react in the moment, I don't think we should be operating.

Del Seymour: We'll have to change the calendar then because we won't be able to have a retreat with that much notice. And this thing keeps going on, and on, and on, and on.

Andrea Evans: We can calendar the retreats. That doesn't have to be subject to a vote. We can make the calendar, we can determine who facilitates the retreat as well, and then we share with the public when the retreat is, and what the agenda is. And certainly people can comment on the agenda.

Andrea Evans: I don't think we have to ... In my experience, that has not been done. The public doesn't necessarily weigh in on who facilitates our retreat.

Andrea: But I feel like we've got a pretty good idea who might be a good fit for us, and then you and Charles can have a dialogue about that.

James Loyce: I believe that if we're going to have a vote, that it needs to be calendared, it needs to be agendaed, and the public should be aware of that. And I for one will vote no on anything that's proposed in relationship to this conversation, because it isn't a part of a government process as far as I'm concerned. I'm done.

Andrea Evans: That's what I'm saying, I don't think there has to be a vote. Is what I'm saying, right? I think we can come up with some potential topics, and then we vote at the October meeting as to what the agenda topics are. I don't think we have to vote today on ...

Andrea Evans: Charles, I would just like to add that James has let us know that he's not going to be available in October, and my preference would be to try to have everyone. And so, it's been pending this long. If we have to move it out to accommodate having James, I would push it.

James: And just for everybody's sake, James is what my mother called me when I was in trouble, so please call me Jimmy.

Charles: My understanding is that the board needs to decide whether you want to follow Jimmy's recommendation to wait until next month to have this formally agendaed, on the calendar to take a

vote, or whether you're comfortable with Andrea's comment about whether we should just move forward and that is not something that's necessarily that needs to be placed on the agenda formally. And you can just have dates placed on the agenda, and then the other things would be voted on.

Andrea Evans: Just to clarify, what I'm saying is, I don't think we should vote and agree upon a facilitator here today. I think we can circulate some potential dates, we can see what works. At the next meeting, we can propose some agenda topics that we could vote on for the public to see. But, I think some of it can happen between now and the October meeting. I was just saying not today, we don't have to vote on it.

Brenda Jewett: Does anybody have, I think you're suggesting Anne, in order to have some more clarity about the First Friendship. I've been curious about it for a long time, but we need to agree as a board is that Charles. Is that correct?

Charles: That's correct.

Brenda Jewett: Would anybody else be in favor of having some discussion about First Friendship?

Jeff Kositsky: Just to help this process along just a little bit, what we should be doing is putting all the agenda items on the table that you want to discuss, not getting into a dialogue about them. And then, voting on the agenda, just to help move the process forward in accordance with what Jimmy said. So far, we have on the agenda the discussion of the retreat, the discussion of First Friendship, the Department of Homelessness and support of Housing requests that we add a discussion of-

Charles Minor: Family advisory.

Jeff Kositsky: Presentation on the family advisory committee through the local homeless coordinating board. And then there's standing items such as my report, the minutes, and the board creating the agenda for the November meeting. That's currently what we have teed up for the agenda for next month. And unless there's additional items I suggest that you all vote to lock down that agenda, and then we can move on to the next item.

Del Seymour: Well, we've talked about suggesting agenda items for the next quarterly HSOC meeting.

Jeff Kositsky: There's an agenda item to discuss that next.

Del Seymour: Okay. That's an agenda item. That's a standing agenda item. Okay. Does anyone else have any other suggestions for the agenda for next month? Okay. We've got the retreat, First Friendship, and is that it?

Jeff: Report from the family advisory committee, as well as the other standing items.

Del Seymour: Okay. Those are departments.

Jeff Kositsky: Right, but we're going to vote on the full agenda, so that the agenda is locked in, and then you can take comments from the public before you actually have the vote to see if the public wants to add any items.

Del Seymour: First, before we vote. So, we agree that our comment will be open for suggestions for agenda items for the October local homes coordinating board meeting. Anybody from the audience, whether citizens, any groups, providers? Okay. With no suggestions, we'll prepare to vote.

Kelley Cutler: I propose to adopt the suggested agenda for the October meeting.

Del Seymour: Okay.

Andrea:Second.

Del Seymour: We'll all vote on this, all in favor say yes.

Group: Yes.

Del Seymour: All opposed say no. Okay, that'll be our agenda for the October meeting, and it won't be changed. Now we'll go to item number four, which is local coordinating boards will respond to the Healthy Streets Operation Center quarterly meeting, and this will be about, this will make our suggestion so what is going on that agenda. I think that's October fourth, Charles is that correct? The next quarterly HSOC meeting.

Charles:Yes.

Del Seymour: We don't know where it is yet.

Charles Minor: No. I will reference it before the end of the meeting, but I want to say the next quarterly meeting is in November. And I want to say it's November 20th if I'm not mistaken.

Del Seymour: November 20th.

Jeff: I see that Emily Cohen, the Mayor's policy advisor on homelessness is here. And since this is a multi-departmental issue, she can answer the board's questions.

Del Seymour: Okay. MS Cohen? Do you mind coming up here a moment? Just come up and introduce yourself, and tell them what you do.

Emily Cohen: Good morning board, thanks for calling me up.

Del Seymour: Calling you out.

Emily Cohen: My name's Emily Cohen and I'm policy advisor for homelessness in the Mayor's office.

Del Seymour: Okay, we just want to verify the date of the next quarterly HSOC meeting, and the location if you have it.

Emily Cohen: Sure. Sorry about that, I didn't prepare for this. That is Wednesday, November 20th, and I do not believe a venue has yet been confirmed. 11 a.m. to one p.m.

Del Seymour: What date is it again?

Emily Cohen: Wednesday, November 20th.

Del Seymour: November 20th. Okay.

Emily Cohen: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Del Seymour: Is that the day before Thanksgiving? Do you know?

Emily Cohen: No.

Del Seymour: It is not.

Emily Cohen: It's the week before.

Del Seymour: Okay. Okay. So, now we'll open to agenda suggestions for that meeting.

Andrea Evans: I was going to follow up from the last meeting. I'm wondering if we were able to send a letter thanking the department heads for participating last meeting.

Charles Minor: We did not send the letter, but that's definitely something that we will address and rectify, sending a letter thanking them. Yes.

Del Seymour: And I personally thank all of the department heads for coming, and for being patient with us. Things that I have, and I think I shared with Kelley that we want to get more data about the bag and tag situation for the Department of Public Works. Unless we want to see some concrete figures on things that are going on over there. And that's what we invited. And I feel the Department of Public Works will be open to inviting those figures. They indicated that they would, so we just want to make sure that that's an oncoming item.

Kelley Cutler: I also have some more specific questions that I would like to have at the next board meeting. Just more detailed about a lot of things.

Charles Minor: Kelley, if I could make a suggestion. If you could send those to me so I can have them for the public for next month's meeting, we can then be able to address them to HSOC and forward them on to the department heads, so they would have the time to work on responses to you.

Jeff Kositsky: If I could add, if you could just give sort of a general theme, I think it would be helpful to the public to know what you're thinking. I've heard Del would like to see data on the bag and tag. I'm not sure specifically. It would also be helpful to know if there's any specificity you can provide either in an email, or now, so the department heads know exactly what to bring.

Kelley Cutler: No, that's where I have actually specific questions. It was really helpful when the department looked into the seven day beds, or the one seven day beds. And that's where we saw that it wasn't affective; it was less than two percent of people actually getting connected to resources. And so, I think looking at those numbers, and other numbers more closely will be very helpful. And so, I have a list of questions. Also, I'd like to request that the board be notified when there's change in HSOC policy, as well as there's the dashboard for HSOC that we've seen months ago when Sam Dodge was here. I think that's a more really relevant data and information.

Jeff Kositsky: Okay. Can I ask a couple clarifying questions? You said something about the seven day beds, we provided all the data we had on that, and have discontinued doing that.

Kelley Cutler: And so, we saw that that was really important to be looking into.

Jeff Kositsky: Other data?

Kelley Cutler: Yeah.

Jeff Kositsky: Got it.

Kelley Cutler: That was just an example.

Jeff Kositsky: That'll be great. And we'll take your questions, and like we did last time, I think we did our best to answer whatever you put forward, if the board is okay with you submitting that. And also wanted to say, I think a standing agenda item can be based on what you said, I'm just repeating back what I'm hearing for the board to vote on is that standing agenda item on any policy changes that have been made for HSOC, and then also standing agenda item in which the Controller's Office presents there, because they're the ones doing this. It wasn't Mr. Dodge, or anybody from any other particular department. The Controller's Office is sort of the keeper of the data. We can ask somebody from the Controller's to do a quick report on data for that quarter. That's what I heard you say.

Kelley Cutler: Yes.

Del Seymour: Other two things that the community and members of the community and providers, and some activist groups, the new topics are is there a number of representations of the Department of Homelessness at these camp site interventions? Appears to be, from listening to people, from me being out there myself, there doesn't seem to be enough people from the department at those interventions. And we would like to see why and how we can better collectively increase that number, that representations. The other thing is HSOC has, from what I understand, agreed to come and report to this body every couple of months or so. Is that ... ?

Jeff Kositsky: That is what that quarterly meeting is. They are reporting to this body.

Del Seymour: Okay. Okay. That's when they are reporting. Okay. And some new members of the board that I've talked to are not completely satisfied with that. I want to make that very clear.

Jeff Kositsky: Not satisfied with the quarterly meeting with all the department heads reporting to this body as a special meeting?

Del Seymour: Mostly, but I've talked to the other board individually, would like for one of us, not necessarily me, but one of us to go over, present our concerns to their meeting, or their meetings once every two months, or once a month or so. Because things happen.

Kelley Cutler: Or actually being part of the meeting.

Del Seymour: That's a stretch, but of course that's the ideal. We have been asking for that for a year.

Jeff Kositsky: Okay. So, so far I hear agenda items including standing data report, standing thing policy change, whatever questions, we'll call it Kelley's Corner. Kelley's questions, request that DPW data on bag and tag, and a request, or discussion around additional meetings in which members of the local board can interact with HSOC.

Jeff Kositsky: So, you want to know what the policy is on interventions during encampment?

Del Seymour: I just want to know what the representation of the department is, and whether that's enough. Because everyone is saying, including myself, if there's ... I don't see enough of HSH at those interventions.

Brenda Jewett: I just have one more sir. A broader point on the way the discussion unfolded. I have mentioned that I felt like it was, there were, it's a passion. It's a passionate issue, and I really appreciate all the voices, but I also thought that there were a couple of people that presented a different point of view, and I felt like there was a real opportunity to be more respectful at different points of view. So, for me, I just want to make certain that everyone that has a point of view feels comfortable coming and sharing their point of view without being shouted down. That's just where I feel like I will hear what everybody has to say.

Jeff Kositsky: So, maybe just as a standing agenda item, just to remind people of the kind of normal rules for any of these meetings in which there's not supposed to be signs, yelling, et cetera, clapping.

Del Seymour: And from what I understand, the rules can be changed when the venue was not on the city facility. Or not? Okay.

Kelley Cutler: What is the HSOC charter? And what is the process? So we can fully understand the policy and developments.

Del Seymour: In the meantime, I want to thank you for putting that HSOC meeting together. You did everything you said you would, and I commend you for that.

Jeff Kositsky: It was a pleasure.

Del Seymour: Okay. I guess we can take this to public comment.

Jeff Kositsky: Just to be clear on the agenda for the meeting. It's not public comment on HSOC. It's public comment on what should be on the agenda for the meeting on November 20th.

Del Seymour: Thank you for making that distinction. So, if anyone has any comment or questions about the agenda items, or for putting on the agenda for November? Yes, come right on up here. Line up to the side. No, no. You come right on up.

Public Comment: Good afternoon, good morning. I'd like to find out what the ratio is for service dollars for case management, and social services, and navigation centers, and all in support of policy. What is the ratio per client center care? And how many case managers per the navigation center? Who's there? How many hours? Onsite at programs, who's there? And how many people, and what the ratio is? And I'd like to know if RAD converted housing, if that is included in case management and site service dollars. Does that make sense?

Del Seymour: Yes ma'am. Can we report back on that next month? Okay.

Jeff Kositsky: You just voted on an agenda already for the October meeting, and also this isn't an HSOC related matter.

Speaker 13: I thought we weren't talking, sorry I didn't mean to interrupt. We weren't talking about HSOC. Things we wanted to put on the agenda.

Jeff Kositsky: This is for on the agenda for the HSOC meeting in November.

Del Seymour: You're suggesting that as an item?

Public Comment: Sure.

Del Seymour: Okay.

Flo Kelley: I'm Flo Kelley with the Coalition of Homelessness, and my big question is what is DPW's official policy regarding where they actually bag and tag the items that they take? My understanding is that they do not bag at the site in which they pick it up. Whereby, the person who owns it can't even see that it's being tagged with his or her name on it, or number, whatever they're given. Instead, the items are put in a truck, and then when the truck goes back to the yard, that's where they get bagged and tagged. Is that really an official policy? Because that is what is going on. That's my big question.

Del Seymour: Thank you. Thank you. Any other suggestions or comments from the public? Real quick.

Public Comment: Yes, I was staying at a shelter at Embassy South, and they bagged my stuff up and threw it away. It was filled with important documents, birth certificate, family photos, movies, family movies.

Del Seymour: So, this is something you can discuss there, but we need your suggestion for an item to go on the agenda.

Public Comment: They should let you know exactly where and when these items are being placed when they discard them. It happened twice, once at Embassy South, and once at Nextdoor.

Jeff Kositsky: If I could be of just some clarifying assistance for folks that want to give public comments, the only discussion we're having right now is things you'd like to see on the agenda for November 20th meeting with related to Healthy Streets Operation Center. If you have suggestions about items that you want to have on the agenda, this is the time to say that. If you have more general public comments, we have time at the end for general public comment on any topic that you would like to discuss.

Del Seymour: We have any other citizens with a comment, or have questions? If not, Andrea?

Andrea Evans: Yeah, I just wanted to ask to put on the agenda, that Keith Scott had mentioned that he was working with the DA's office and potentially looking at their policy around bringing charges, misdemeanor charges. I was just wondering if there's an update on a potential policy changes.

Jeff Kositsky: Would it be helpful if I repeated back what's on the list for the agenda items? So, again, starting out with standing items on clarifying what the rules are, a data report from the Controller's office, report on any policy changes that have been made, and then agenda items for this meeting would include, based on what we've heard from all of you, trying to respond to the list of questions that Kelley Cutler has, policy on bag and tag, and I'll just add to that if it's okay, the data on bagging and tagging, and then add to that where the bagging and tagging is actually happening. And wanting to invite, or discuss attending additional meetings, or how this board could be more engaged in the operations of HSOC. Wanting to know what the policy is for HSH's involvement in encampment resolution, and a discussion on the HSOC charter. And the DA policy to update from the Chief of Police on the policy of working with the DA on how they're handling charges on some of the HSOC related issues.

Public Comment

Terry Harper: How you doing? My name's Terry Harper and I facilitate a speak out, open mic, every Wednesday night with the community. And basically I'm inundated with the homeless. The issues that came up in hand, and I have two gentlemen that have joined it all with me, that are seniors, that are in the shelter bed system that are being treated unfairly. Also, I work in a shelter. I'm not ashamed to say that. And I think that it is some injustices that are done to the seniors. If a senior, say he's disabled, and say he gets up in the middle of the night, and he's does know where his shelter bed is, after three write ups their person is considered not able to fend for themselves. So, they put him outside of the shelter, which I don't think is right. That's what I would like to see added to the agenda.

Del Seymour: Tell me exactly right, how do you want to phrase it? The treatment of seniors in the shelters. Is that?

Terry Harper: Yes.

Del Seymour: Okay. All right. And thank you gentlemen for coming today. I hope you can come to that meeting. Because it's good for the actual person that's being affected to stand up there and tell these folks what you went through. Include your dates, times, and place. Come up as factual as you can to present it. This happened, on this date, at this shelter, by this person. And they'll listen to you more if you have that data in hand. Thank you. And Terry, thank you for all that you do in the community.

Kelley Cutler: I make a motion that we approve the agenda as described before the quarterly HSOC meeting on November 29th.

Del Seymour: All those opposed say no. Okay, that will be our agenda request to the HSOC meeting. Thank you. Thank you all for bringing things up. Okay, our next item will be ... Now we're at item five the Home Base.

Amanda Wehrman: Good morning. My name is Amanda [inaudible 00:46:34] and I'm with Home Base. We service the neutral facilitators for the Continue Health Care program. Local competition here in San Francisco. And as we've been discussing at meetings throughout the year, the community has been working on the processes, and data collection, and scoring tools that created the rank lists that we are presenting to the board today for your review and approval. Two funding committee meetings were held earlier this spring to improve the scoring tools based on provider feedback and community need. And those were approved by this body earlier this year. Renewal projects entered their annual performance data and outcomes in HUD's Sage database, and those reports were inputted into Home Base's scoring and evaluation system called Presto. Projects additionally entered supplemental information that was relevant to community scoring tools directly into Presto.

Projects have the opportunity to review not only their APR's, but the Presto reports based on the data that was entered. Home Base sent this information and the valuation reports to the projects, and they had the opportunity to correct any errors that they noted. Pursuant to local process, Home Base used this corrected information to pre-score each renewal project using the local scoring tools that were developed and approved. The notice of funding availability was announced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at the beginning of July, and Home Base held a bidders conference for all applicants later in the month. After which, all renewal applicants were given a copy of their project evaluation report, including their preliminary scores, and preliminary ranking sheet that showed where they fell in the community ranking, with the understanding that these were preliminary and subject to the panelist's review.

Renewal applicants were urged to submit a project narrative, which was their opportunity to direct the priority panelists to scores that they should consider and change, and provide justification and context for those scores. This is a really important part of the process because it helps the panelists to focus their attention on the information that is most relevant that are targeting the review process. The priority panel met for two days and reviewed all renewal and new projects. Where projects asked for increases in their scores, reconsideration, or otherwise provided information in their project narrative to point to the need for increases. The panelists discussed and either readjusted scores, or did not do so.

Except for where necessary for consistency of cross projects, panelists were only reviewing those scores identified in the project narratives. And scores were never adjusted downward.

Applicants were notified of the outcome of the priority panel and provided an opportunity to appeal. Four out of six eligible projects submitted timely appeals. The appeals panelists, which included Brenda and Kelley, met last week, and after a robust discussion, and weighing of relative merits of the appeals, made adjustments to one of the new projects in tier two, adjusting its score and ranking accordingly. And this will all make more sense when we actually orient you to the priority list, which is the green hand out that is available today.

This year we had 59 renewal projects, and this included the four youth homelessness demonstration program projects that were submitting renewals as part of the COC process for the first time. We also had six bonus new projects apply, including one new domestic violence project. We did have one renewal project, Catholic Charity's Cleveland House that opted to voluntarily reallocate their project in its entirety, and in addition the ISN project did a voluntary partial reallocation of their renewal budget around leading to more donors being available for new projects.

So, the total renewal funding available for the community is \$44.8 million. This is the annual renewal demand, or ARD. HUD has again asked communities to rank all projects in two tiers. Tier one this year for the community is \$42.3 million, which is 94% of that annual renewal demand, plus 100% of any first time renewal projects. Projects in tier one are very likely to be funded unless they're deemed ineligible, which is a rare and unlikely occurrence.

Tier two this year was \$4.7 million, which is the remainder of the renewal demand plus the \$2.2 million in COC bonus funds. So, in tier two the funding is not guaranteed, but rather these projects are entered into a national competition and scored on the overall COC application score. The projects ranked were [inaudible 00:51:40] housing versus implementation. But the higher project bids in tier two, the more likely it is to be funded. And then this year, for the second time, [inaudible 00:51:49] made available a special amount for domestic violence bonus projects. In this community, \$1.3 million. These projects are treated a bit differently. If they're selected for funding through that DV bonus pot of money, they are pulled out of the priority listing, and instead funded with those separate DV bonus funds. And their rank order does not affect their ability to be funded through that funding stream. So, priority panelists with HSH agreement chose to rank those projects and are at the bottom of the listing for that reason.

So, in total, the list you have in front of you represents \$48.4 million in requested funding to be submitted to HUD and in addition, there is \$1.25 million in cleaning funds available, which HUD does not have communities rank as a part of the priority listing. So, looking at the priority listing that you have in front of you, in tier one you'll see we have all renewal projects. For a local process you'll see that the first four projects on the list are the Youth Homelessness Demonstration program, YHD projects. They were automatically ranked at the top of tier one as recommended by the funding committee. And then, at the bottom of tier one, which is on the back page, you'll see that the coordinated entry, and [inaudible 00:53:15] projects were not scored, and were ranked by local process right above the projects straddling the two tiers.

In tier two, you can see we have one renewal project that straddles, the National, Crown, Winton project. Based on our past experience and how San Francisco tends to do the national competition, this project is the most likely to be funded. And then, below that, starting with rank 60, we have our new projects in this year's competition. As the total requests by the new projects exceeded the bonus and reallocated amount that was available, only part of that 735 Davis project is included in the priority listing. And the lowest scoring project was not included. Technical assistance has been offered to those applicants not included in the priority listing to help strengthen their applications for future years.

And then finally, it does not go without saying that this is not an easy process. And so, I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of the panelists, both on the priority panel who spent two days and additional preparation time, as well as our appeals panelists for their thoughtful and community oriented discussions and decisions. They brought a wide range of experience, perspectives, and knowledge to the process. And most of all, they approached this task with humility and paramount concern for the people who matter most, the people housed in these programs. The people who need housing, and will be housed thanks to these programs. And HSH and its partners who work tirelessly, and affectively to deliver the best possible housing and services. With that, I'll open up to questions about the listing that you have in front of you.

Del Seymour: Do you have any questions? No? Okay. Go ahead.

Andrea Evans: I think I might need Jeff to answer this, does anyone else from the HSH can talk about the coordinated entry project. Or can you do that Amanda?

Amanda Wehrman: I'd ask HSH to speak to that.

Andrea Evans: My question, I didn't realize that we had DV Coordinated Entry. And so, I was just curious about a little bit more information about that.

Charles Minor: Okay, this is the second year that we've had DV coordinated entry, we had it last year as well. And so, it is a system that we're in the process of building out, if that's something maybe that you would like for us to have placed on the agenda in the coming months. Yeah, we can definitely add that, and we can have the coordinated entry team come and speak on it.

Del Seymour: Do we have any other questions from the board? Everybody's fine? Okay, so, now we'll turn this over to public comment. Each citizen or member will have, member of the public will have two minutes to make comments on this issue. You must have did a good job because you covered everything. So, that's it. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Amanda: We're looking for a vote to approve this.

Del Seymour: Oh, that is for vote?

Amanda: Yes. Thank you.

Public Comment: For the groups that didn't, were volunteered to be reallocated or received available funding, what are the qualifications, or what are the qualifications for those groups to be eligible for other sources of funding, either this quarter, or in the next quarter?

Amanda Wehrman: I'll just start by clarifying that we, the continued care funding is an annual competition with the federal government, so there will be an opportunity next year for this particular funding source. But, perhaps others could speak to some other funding available.

Brenda Jewett: I would just say for people that are looking for funding for next year, this is a really good resource to understand when the funding comes, they help nonprofit entities work through their funding requests. If you meet anybody that comes to these meetings will be better prepared.

Charles Minor: Right. I just wanted to echo what Brenda just said. And so, for applicants who may not get funded, and who are on the list, and their application exceeded the amount, to make sure and go ahead and use the resource that Amanda had touched on briefly, and Amanda had as well as the technical assistance that's offered to applicants, so that they are familiar just with the process of grant writing, and so those are very valuable skills. COC applications are definitely kind of a different beast compared to a lot of other funding applications. And so, the technical assistance that is provided is definitely something that I think is very useful for future applications, and definitely keep that in mind moving forward.

Jeff: Your other question about whether there are funding resources that are available, I know that if you go to the website, the department actually has a list of all the RFPs that are out for our department. So, I'd always regard you to reference that. You can also always directly email me and I can make sure that you have that information and that link available to you.

Jill Hroziencik: Hi, I'm Jill Hroziencik with HSH, and I just wanted to comment to you that we have monthly provider meetings for COC providers if you're interested in funding, really great idea to start before the NOFA comes out. We can help to really get you to understand the process, understand what HUD is looking for, and how to best design a program that fits the needs of the folks you're serving, and the funding that's coming up. This is not just a ... It's open, come, we want to work with you from the start to fill this out. Thanks.

Amanda Wehrman: Yes, it would be a motion to approve the priority listing as recommended by HUD.

Del Seymour: Okay. I'll entertain the motion.

Kelley Cutler: Second.

Del Seymour: Okay. There's your second?

James Loyce: Second.

Del Seymour: Okay, second. So, let's vote. All in favor say yes.

Group: Yes.

Del Seymour: All those opposed say no. Okay. Thank you.

Del Seymour: All those opposed, say no. And all those that have to step back and recuse themselves. Okay.

Del Seymour: Thank you. Thank you very much. Okay, we've got number six, so now we'll go through number seven. And that's for the whole person care application. Who's here for that? All right.

Dara Papo: Thank you for having me. My name is Dara Papo I work for the Department of Homelessness and Support Housing. I'm here to talk about the onetime to the whole person care pilot. The whole person care pilot program coordinates health, behavioral health, and social services in the patient client center manner, with a goal of improving benefits health and well-being. Whole person care isn't a five year pilot; it's a medical waiver, collaboration between the Department of Homelessness, Health and Human Services. One of the criticisms of the whole person pilot was that there was no funding specifically for housing. The whole person care pilot paid for services, but not for housing. So, in the 1920 governor's budget, there was an investment of \$100 million of state general funds for housing, so that was a result from advocacy from places like San Francisco.

San Francisco can receive an amount not to exceed \$8.1 million. The funding is available for the cost of long term and short term housing such as mental health subsidies, or capital investment. There needs to be four people that have mental health, and are "mentally ill and experiencing homelessness". It is in quotes because that's in the state description, not in our specific county description. The funding could be used to match local investments. It cannot replace funding that we already have. And one thing that is helpful about this funding is there's no local match required. So, we don't need to put up 50% of the money, like for some medical programs health programs to drop things down.

Del Seymour: I'm a little confused by that. It means it may use some county funds, but no city match is required. Is that what this is saying?

Dara Papo: Yes so for a lot of Medical health programs, you have to put up half the money to draw down the other half from the state. We don't have to do that. But they are saying that if you have a building that has funding, we can't remove that funding and use this. It has to be used for new housing opportunities.

Thank you for that question. As we know, San Francisco does not have sufficient housing placements available to meet the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness including individuals that have been prioritized for permanent and supportive housing. The strategy is at an estimated \$2,000 a month, which is based on federal market rates, these funds could be used to provide housing subsidies and lease payments, stabilization housing payments, or new leased permanent or supportive housing, which is in the pipeline and may not have funding available. And we estimate that we could serve in every month, for the time that this grant would be available, 55 to 65 individuals.

Noting that some people will stay in services and housing for more than one month. It's not a new 55 to 65 people each month. Housing funds will be used for units that do not have a crime subsidy attached. We will not and could not replace currently funded programs with these funds, and as required, and as San Francisco does, all of the housing available for this grant will follow the housing course guide lines.

The way the break down would be, the funding would be used 85% of the funds will be used for housing subsidies and lease payments, that's \$6.9 million dollars over the course of five years. We would have one program analyst staff position for four years of the grant, and then there's some standard administrative costs for implementation of 5% of the total. And HSH will follow the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved procurement process through identifying qualified sub recipients providers, on or before receipt of the funds.

Given the really short lead time to apply for this, we're going into the application process not having fully identified how all of the funding is going to be allocated. So, we will be returning with a more detailed plan, but we did need to go in front of the board and supervisors to go ahead and apply to bring down the funds.

Del Seymour: So, can you tell me exactly what a qualified sub recipient providers, what is that? Who is that?

Dara Papo: There are two ways that can happen. One could be that we have some folks that have answered questions and proposals, and have contracts with the ability to expand those contracts in certain situations. So, that would be somebody that would have been approved as a quality provider, or under the emergency ordinance, there are some ways to move money to providers through that decree. Those are the two ways that providers would be selected, and money could be given to those providers.

Del Seymour: So, I don't understand how and why you're using the word sub. What does that mean?

Dara Papo: That is sort of the official language in the document.

Del Seymour: Okay. What's the difference between a provider and a sub recipient provider?

Dara Papo: That's an excellent question. Anybody from the audience want to help me with that?

Amanda Wehrman: It typically denotes that there is a recipient that is getting the funds from the grantor, and the sub recipient to the provider administrative services.

Del Seymour: Okay. And last thing I've got to ask, is there any provision that this housing could be outside of the city?

Dara Papo: I do not believe that is a limitation of these funds. Not that I'm aware. And I think that when we start looking at how the funds can be used, that will be some of the conversation that will be heard.

Brenda Jewett: Have you already contracted with whoever is preparing housing yet?

Dara: For these funds, no. The recipients or sub recipients have not been decided.

Brenda Jewett: And so, this is five years from ... ? When is the start date?

Dara: This starts on January 1st, 2020. And the funds have to be expended by June 30th, 2025.

Del Seymour: That's good news.

Dara: It is good news.

Andrea Evans: I just have a quick question. It is great news, so thank you for sharing. Do you have sense yet of if you're going to target any particular population with these funds? Youth, chronic, families?

Dara: I think when we start looking at where the funding will be, I think it'll be a process of looking at how the strategic framework, the goals, how we're doing as far as meeting the different population goals that the department has. And these funds could be used to help sort of fill in some of those gaps. Again, not fully fleshed out. Again, when it is only funding good for five years, I think we want to make sure that it gets either used for housing that would either be short term in nature, or housing that we know that we would have ongoing funding to sustain it.

Del Seymour: You more or less will be ready to start after the fiscal, basically January 1?

Dara: Correct, as close to it as possible. Yes.

Del Seymour: Any more questions from the board? Okay, with that, let's go. This is for discussion...

Del Seymour: Any questions or comments from the general public regarding this wonderful act? Come on up here.

Public Comment: Okay, so why are we putting more money into subsidized based housing when we already- ? Why don't we have a housing liner that moves people that have been in the SROs to move up in the system with the housing ladder. Take the other people that we already have housing and contracts for, and move them into the SROs, move people to the MRR, the EMRs, and then it goes to the street. Get out there, and moving, and moving, and then we keep moving on. I don't understand why we're not using the resources we currently have, and continue to throw money into all these new things on top of the RAD conversion. And I wanted to know, again, here's my question, whatever service dollars for all of these supportive housing sites. If there's a third party, are there going to be a third party to case management? Is that going to be a separate contract?

Del Seymour: Is anyone here to answer that? Or do you want to answer that?

Jeff Kositsky: The board. If the board asks, if we ... I can't respond. Again, just as a reminder to everybody, I cannot respond directly to public comment unless asked to do so by the board.

Del Seymour: Can you respond to that for me?

Jeff Kositsky: Yes. We do have a moving on program actually funded in our partnership with Tipping Point, and run by an organization called Brilliant Corners. And I believe that we need both, it's not an either or. It's both.

Del Seymour: Thank you. That answer your question?

Del Seymour: Can you make her answer a little more clearer?

Dara Papo: The whole person health funds are required to be used for people currently experiencing homelessness. So, moving on is not an eligible source for these specific funds to be used.

Public Comment: Okay, and again, then what would those service dollars be, or the ratio for supporting people with mental illness, going into these, what is the service dollars? There's nine percent here for program analysis and staff physician.

Dara Papo: The housing funds do not have service dollars attached. So, there'll be other funding sources that can be used upon the services, and again, we don't have that identified yet.

Public Comment: You don't have it mastered yet. And that will be identified before this comes out for January, or February?

Del Seymour: Thank you ma'am.

Jeff: No, they were seeking a letter of support from the local board, so they have to vote.

Del Seymour: Okay, now I'll entertain a motion to vote on this. Vote for support [inaudible 01:13:19].

Kelley Cutler: I propose a motion for a letter of support for this action.

Speaker 4: Second.

Del Seymour: Okay, all those in favor, say yes.

Group: Yes.

Jeff Kositsky: Yeah, sorry. That's a mistake in the agenda. There's no agenda setting, just giving an update. And also, I just request of the board that if it's possible to do general public comment first, in that this is Kerry Abbott's our Deputy Director of Programs final Local Homeless Coordinating board meeting, and I'd like to say a few words. But given Kerry is an extremely hard working person, she's running over here from another meeting, and will be here momentarily. I was hoping we could swap those two agenda items if the board-

Del Seymour: Hold on. So, we'll take a motion to vote to reverse these two items, public comment and department's report.

Jeff Kositsky: And to be clear, there will still be public comment on my report as well.

Del Seymour: Sure. Okay.

Kelley Cutler: Summoned.

Andrea:Second.

Del Seymour: All those in favor say yes.

Group: Yes.

Del Seymour: All those opposed say no. Okay, so at this time we will take general public comment.
General public comment.

P. Williams: As you can see my voice is gone. The staff shelter at Next Door and Sanctuary Shelters. On August the 31st they were spraying chemicals with vinegar around my bed which sent me to General Hospital. I left all my personal property with the supervisor there. When I got back, the chemicals were poured in all my bladder medication, my hygiene, everything. They ruined everything in my property, the staff. I got several, so many police reports on there and they don't even care. They're still doing it. Thank God I know the police chief for 20 years. Thank God, because you all know what will happen. You all know what they would do with me over there. If the police didn't know me for 20 years, and no one would do this to me, they would kill me over there. So, in favor of all you all sitting up there, I had to shake the police down and let them know that the police chief knew me, because they was harassing me too.

Del Seymour: Can you wrap up? Your time is up. Is there a last closing comment?

Del Seymour: Thank you ma'am. Thank you for your words. Do we have any other public comment this morning?

Arturo Noriega: I'm Arturo Homeless now for three years. I had the section eight, and I was at the 1190 Mission Street. And I had a member break down, and they had put me ... Eviction, and I went to court. And it seemed that the people that were helping me decided that we would skip about the changes. I made an agreement with them to leave. And the paperwork was sketchy, and I found out that I found my section eight because they said I walked away. They also claimed that I destroyed property, so I couldn't get another place. And I'm still looking for a homeless place. I'm 70 years old, and hoping that something will come up. Thank you.

Del Seymour: Thank you sir. Thank you. Do we have anybody else from the public with a comment? Okay, with that, we'll close public comment.

Jeff Kositsky: Good afternoon, good morning Jeff] here with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. I'll briefly run through my report and take any questions you may have. Just hear some data for July for the Homeless Outreach team. You'll see they made 670 outreach attempts, with 339 successful engagements, and quite a few referrals of engagement of services, primarily in the eastern part of the city as you can see. Vacancy rates in the adult shelter system continue to range between five and seven percent and just want to remind folks, this is reserved beds. This does not necessarily state that there are this many empty beds, these were the beds where people showed up for

their reservations, most of those beds get released at various times during the day, and end up being filled, but only for one night at a time.

Here's data on the navigation centers. Pretty standard intake of about 300 people. And again, pretty standard break down with about two thirds, about a quarter of the people in half way housing beds. We have eliminated the seven day beds. Those will be a combination between half way housing and . Here's our coordinated entry data for August. This other data is for July, so I'm sorry. Next time we'll make sure it's all July data, but this data is processed a little bit more quickly. Here's the overall exits from homelessness. Fighting the system, we're more on track than we were at the end of last fiscal year, first half of last school year we exceeded. Second half we didn't do as well as we had hoped, but we're on track and hitting our targets on the exits.

At this point, and this is just from the first month of the fiscal year, July we were a little bit behind on Homeward Bound, but we've since caught up. This is again, data is two months old at this point. We have quite a few positions open, and encourage anybody who's interested in having, being involved in HSH, and helping set policy, and helping serve people experiencing homelessness, please check out our website for those positions. Wanted to talk about the fact that we have signed, I should say re-signed an agreement with Hamilton Family Center and Compass Family Services around *the Heading Home Campaign*, which was to serve families that have children in the San Francisco Unified School District and experiencing homelessness. We got very delayed in the ability to make placements in that program. We've made some adjustments, brought Compass in as a partner and hopefully are back on track with hitting our goals, work for that program. And I'm really happy to announce that thanks to our staffing, including and especially Ali Schlageter, who works on Youth Homelessness, we've been accepted into what's called the Grand Community Challenge Award from a national organization called A Way Home in America, which focuses on ending homelessness for LGBTQ youth, and youth of color.

It does not come with lots of money or accolade, but it does come with a lot of support from people who've been doing this work around the country, and also helping us kind of refine our goals and focus better on this particular issue. Here's the data on the HSOC local homeless coordinating board meeting, sorry Emily Cohen, we had this already teed up here. Those are the dates for your calendars if you'd like to mark those off. November, February, May, and August. And also, I wanted to point out and apologize to the clients who felt that they needed to come here to get assistance. I was able to provide assistance to the gentleman who was staying in the shelter. Oh, the other gentleman left unfortunately, we'll try to find him. Or somebody could see if he's still out in the hallway HSH staff can assist. We'll just make sure that he gets to our access point. But, the good news is we are opening up our new offices sometime in the month of October. I wish I had a firm date, but we're very, very late in doing so. As you know, the department started with no offices, and we've been scattered throughout the city.

Once we have our offices set up, it's a very welcoming environment for people who are experiencing homelessness, or are in our supportive housing, big lobby and amenities who people need to wait to get assistance. And this will be the place, hopefully, that they can go to at least get their questions answered. Of course, sometimes people are going to want to come here, and should come here to express their concerns, but both of those gentlemen, I apologize to them for having to come here

because their questions were easily answered and told that that will be reduced moving forward as we open up our new office. And now, wanted to, and appreciate you moving the agenda around for us.

I wanted to acknowledge our Deputy Kerry Abbott, our Deputy Director for Programs is in the room. Kerry's been with HSH for about three years, maybe a little bit under three years, but has been here from almost since the beginning, and was the first person to serve as the Deputy Director for Programs. She's responsible for overseeing all of the programs that we operate from street outreach, to shelter, to housing, and the housing ladder programs, as well as coordinated entry, and problem solving. I will tell you the fact that I was able to go out in the hallway and look up that gentlemen in our system, and tell him exactly what's going on, and what he needs to do, was something that did not exist three years ago. And it does exist today, and we are able to better serve him, and I can assure you none of that would have happened without the leadership, and persistence of Kerry Abbott.

She has worked on this issue for almost all of her career. I first met her when she was running what was then called City Housing, which was part of Tenderloin Housing Clinic. It was really their housing arm. And I was at Community Housing Partnership. She then went on to serve as a consultant both to me and many a people in this room providing assistance to nonprofits, and local governments around the Bay area in addressing homelessness. And then, was willing to sort of take the plunge with me and the other staff who started HSH. I can assure you trying to set up a new department while dealing with humanitarian crisis, and at the same time come up with new strategies and programs was no easy lift. Kerry managed this with humor and grace, and persistence, and is one of the hardest working people that I know. I have to always yell at her when she's on vacation. She's emailing me and calling me, and I'm like, "Please, can I just get a vacation from your emails Kerry. At the very least." But she ignored that as well because this is her life's work, and her passion.

I am going to deeply miss her, but also am incredibly grateful and happy for her, and especially for her family who will get a bit of a rest bit while Kerry's figuring out what she's going to do next, which I'm sure is going to be something great in this field. Kerry's last day is September 28th, and to cut off any questions that you are going to ask me, we are in the middle of the search, and I cannot discuss HR matters. But, I will have an announcement for you in October, and an update as to what is going in, if not sooner. Hopefully sooner. However, despite the fact that we're going to put somebody else in this position, and this is never about Kerry, or about me, we'll be the first person to tell you this is about all of us collectively who work in HSH, and all of you, and all of our nonprofit providers, but nonetheless, it's still hard to see a colleague go, but also a great opportunity to offer her our appreciation, as this is again her last local homeless coordinating board meeting. And I thank you very much for the opportunity to acknowledge Kerry as part of my report.

Del Seymour: Thank you sir. Thank you. And Kerry, congratulations on your move up into wherever you're going. I worked with you personally for the last few years, and it's been a pleasure. You really know what you're talking about, and you know your job very well.

Kerry Abbott: Thank you. I think even before my first day of work I got to come to the local board and to be introduced. And many of you are still here and still serving. And I'm very grateful, I always have

been very grateful for the people who volunteer to oversee the activities of this department. I know that it's a tremendous job for volunteers and I think the local board in particular has been amazing at keeping the needs, and rights of the people we serve at the very forefront of your board work. So, thank you to the Board, thank you everyone for your commitment to the population, and thank you Jeff for those loving words. Thanks to all of our nonprofit provider board members. We are very grateful to work with all of you.

Del Seymour: When you walked in the room you brought the air conditioner back on. That's how powerful you are. Thank you for the air. Any other words from the board members?

Sophia Evans: No, just thanks for your dedication and commitment to HSH. Thank you.

Andrea Evans: I'd also just like to say thank you Kerry, on behalf of everyone at Tipping Point. I will also thank you separately, but it's really been a pleasure to work with you. You are so dedicated to the work, and just a true partner, and we're going to miss you a lot, and I wish you well in whatever you choose to do next. But, just can't say how grateful we are for all that you've done and to get our program off the ground, and it's been a real genuine partnership. Thank you very much. We really appreciate it.

Del Seymour: If any member of the public wants to comment, give a comment regarding, we're at the end of this. We'll end this item. So, thank you Kerry. Now, we've got questions, no comments.

So, again, you and I have talked about this, I just want to bring it up again, it is great reports on the department. We would like to know a little bit more about some of the hard items. It seems that we get the best update from HSH from HSH from the Chronicle. And we would like more from you about the things that we're really interested in, the things that people, more about the people every day as we walk the streets or at our jobs, about hey Del, hey Kelly, what's going on with this? What's going on with the nav centers? What's going on with the new centers? We've heard so much talk in the news about navigation centers, the possible navigation center, this seems great. I understand the navigation center is actually in court today. And everyone's asking us about 180 Jones, how the department is involved in that.

Del Seymour: If you are, or are not, it made front page in the Chronicle, but you never really talked about it in your updates. And what's going on with the vehicle center on [inaudible 01:32:25]? Those are the things that people ask us every day.

Jeff Kositsky: And I just want to point out Mr. Seymour, that I reported in detail at the last meeting on exactly each one of those things that you mentioned. When they would be, except for 180 Jones, which I'm happy to discuss, at the last meeting. Also, want to point out that you have asked me repeatedly to make my report shorter, so I'm a little bit confused as to ...

Del Seymour: You did a good job today sir.

Jeff Kositsky: As to how you would like us to proceed, and if there's some specific ... And I'd also like to say we're serving 12,200 plus people on any given night, and not to say opening up navigation center and other programs aren't important, but there are many other important things that we do that I'd be

happy to stand up here, take up the whole meeting, and tell you about. But, if you could give me a little bit more direction of the board could specifically, you said you've spoken to other board members. I'd love to hear from them directly about what else they would like in the report, and I'm more than happy to put that in the report.

Brenda Jewett: I read the Chronicle yesterday, and they were talking, this might not be your purview but the 40 unused beds for mental health care that have not been utilized, and I don't know if that's your department.

Jeff: No.

Kelley Cutler: Okay. Whose department is that?

Jeff: That's the Department of Public Health.

Andrea Evans: I guess just following up on your comments Del in terms of what would be helpful. I think the standing data that we get is great, and perhaps we don't need to spend the time on the data because we have it in written form, and then the updates could be more about the things that are coming up, such as if there's a new nav center coming online, if there's something else in the works. I don't know.

Jeff Kositsky: We do in the program update section when there's something new opening up, we always include that. And from a quarterly basis, have been providing sort of just an overview of everything that's in the pipeline. And again, I did do that last month. But, I also will say I'm happy to not present a report at all and simply take your questions. Usually there's, if I don't know the answer, there's usually a staff person that can help me, and we can answer any questions that you might have about whatever it is you'd like to talk about going on in HSH.

Kelley Cutler: Okay. Regarding, I would just like to hear more about the vehicle encampment resolution team. You know, for moving forward, I think, for safe parking, but we don't call it safe parking, I forget what we call it. But, it's not safe parking. And just hearing more about how that's going, if people are getting placed, because I'm hearing a lot of concern from people living in their vehicles who are getting notices, and it seems like targeted more.

Jeff Kositsky: Yeah, thank you. I think, as you already know, it's not going great. It's a growing problem that we're having a very hard time just keeping up with. And the MTA has been really good about partnering with us and trying to not take away people's homes from them. And we work really closely with them. I did commit, Kelley, I think you were at that meeting with the Coalition on Homelessness. Once we get the vehicle encampment, or the vehicle triage center up and running, I can't ever remember the name, once we get that up and running, the vehicle encampment team will try and be more active, and we'll give a phone number to people who are sleeping in their vehicle, who can call when they get into trouble, so we can help troubleshoot with MTA. When we know about these problems, we generally have been able to kind of keep people from losing their home, their vehicle, and we'll try and do a better job getting the word out. But, as any other situation, this is a resource issue.

There's 8,000 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco, probably more than that, probably closer to 10,000 if we were able to really, really dig in. And of that, maybe six, 700 people are sleeping in their vehicle. We're certainly trying to help them, and everybody else, with the resources we have available. But I think, we can all agree that, and I think MTA also agrees that what we don't want to be doing is taking away people's homes when we don't even have enough room for them in the shelters. We'll continue to work on that, and as you know person by person basis we've been able to get MTA to release vehicles, or to drop fines, or HSH is able to pay a fee, so that we can help people hold on to their vehicles. I think that's generally what we want to see happen.

I also want to tell you that we are looking at another, I think this one will be called safe parking, because it is. The differentiation is, you know, people don't want to call it a vehicle navigation center. We just made up this other name because most safe parking, as you know, isn't necessarily open 24/7, doesn't have services onsite. What we're opening in Balboa Reservoir will have services, will be open 24/7, and it will be kind of like a navigation center, a safe parking facility of which we're going to try to open some, or just a place for people to park their vehicles, and have some great basic things like a porta potty, and maybe we'll at least check in on folks, and make sure they're okay. But just to give them a safe place to be. That's the difference between safe parking and a vehicle triage center.

Kelley Cutler: Excellent. What about when it comes to more restrictions. Are there any commands from MTA?

Jeff: No.

Kelley Cutler: Okay. Because I'm hearing about that meetings like in the Bayview, with these meetings there that this is hot there. I don't know the people.

Jeff: Yeah. So, the question here is about is MTA going to be putting up no overnight parking restrictions, like they've done in district nine, and district 11. Most recently districts nine and 11 at the request of the supervisor in those districts. Our take on this is that if they are going to do that, we need to be given the opportunity first to provide everybody in that location services. We don't request, ask, or in any way encourage MTA to engage in any kind of law enforcement, but what we do want to make sure that if they're going to put up these signs, and they're going to enforce something that the people who are in that area are given adequate notification, which a month or more, and that we're working really closely with them to find either a place to come inside, or to put their vehicle in a different location where they're not going to be subject to any kind of tickets. But, from my last meeting with MTA, and of course things could change, I don't work for MTA, there were no plans.

Jeff: There were all that whole list in the Bayview of all those, that's been pulled off the agenda, and we have no intention at this point of doing any special work down there to facilitate a putting up of signs. And we'll say that MTA has been actually really good partners, and very resistant to wanting to engage in that kind of enforcement that really is simply moving somebody from point A to point B. Our preference is always to find the people who are the neediest in their vehicles, families with children, seniors, people with severe disabilities, people in vehicles that are sick or unhealthy to be in, and focus on getting those individuals' assistance first, and that's really what the vehicle encampment resolution

team has been doing. We should probably call it something else, actually, because they're not really resolving any kind of encampment. They're really, we've been allowed to focus on the highest needs folks in highly impacted neighborhoods like in the Bayview. The work is slow. When it works, it's great, but we don't have enough of anything. So, for also trying to make sure people just have a safe place to be and do not want anybody to lose their shelter, or their home, if that's all they currently have.

Del Seymour: Okay, so just two things since we talked about them. Is the department involved in 180 Jones at all? I just want to ask.

Jeff Kositsky: So, context, 180 Jones is a property that's being developed into affordable housing by the Mayor's Office of Housing. TNDC is the developer, I'm not sure if the ownership of that property has been transferred to TNDC yet, but it will be. Currently there's a ... There's a parking garage, or parking lot operator managing that lot, and they have a lease with the city. That's on a month to month basis. My understanding is that TNDC and the Mayor's Office of Housing is going to issue an RFP for how that site can be used. I've heard a lot from neighbors wanting it to be a temporary dog park for people who live in the neighborhood, and also there's been a proposal to open up a small pilot program of tiny home type shelter program. We're ... I don't want to presume to speak for the neighborhood, or what the neighborhood wants. I think the neighborhood will decide what they want if it's going to be some kind of temporary shelter, we'll certainly be involved to the extent that it's appropriate for us, but I'm not sure if it's going to be five or six people.

And I believe the nonprofit that's working on that is already engaging with folks down there. We certainly would never do anything to stop or impede it, but the decision is ultimately going to be made by the community in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Housing and TNDC on how that lot is going to be used.

Del Seymour: Thank you. And the last thing I want to ask you is, regarding the Embarcadero navigation center, could that possibly stop construction?

Jeff Kositsky: It's possible that ... I have not, to be perfectly honest with you, and carefully following the non-stop litigation. The change, we've got many, many, many changes of venues back and forth. So far, the judge in Sacramento has been very, very ... not been very sympathetic towards those who are trying to stop this center from moving forward. We are moving forward as if it's going to open in December, or January. It could get stopped at any moment, but I would say that the likelihood of that, our confidence is very high that it will not be stopped. And frankly, part of our strategy, and I think all of our strategy needs to be most San Franciscan to support this, and I understand the concerns of people who are in the neighborhood, but we want to make sure that we stop giving the mic to the people who don't want it, and focus more on the fact that most people in that neighborhood are excited about having that there, housed and unhoused.

And we have a lot of support, and I tend to want to focus on those things and trust that our city attorney is doing their best job. It's a high priority for Dennis Herrera and for Mayor Breed, and of course for us. And I'm confident that we're going to be able to move this forward without too much difficulty.

Del Seymour: Thank you. Any other comments from the board? Okay. Can we open the floor to the citizens and the folks in the room regarding these last items that we had? Okay.

Public Comment: Could you please speak to the issue or status of the moving on initiative and outlook?

Jeff Kositsky: The moving on initiative is just to remind folks, it's a program to help people living in permanent supportive housing, who have been tenants in good standing for some time, move into other forms of housing. We were originally to get roughly 25 section eight, or housing choice vouchers from the San Francisco Housing Authority every month, in which were incredibly excited and grateful, and would have served quite a few people through that program. Unfortunately, as some of you may know, the housing authority has run into challenges at multiple levels and is no longer issuing housing choice vouchers, so, therefore we don't have the resources to move forward with the program the way that we had originally anticipated, which is incredibly disheartening, and disappointing.

And we have no clear answer yet. And I have committed previously to the board reporting back to you when we know what's happening with the housing authority, and will do so. I currently ... However, the good news is, we do have a number of ways to kind of get around this. Two immediate ways are the Bristol Hotel, which is 100% moving on program, as well as another TNDC building on Turk street that will also have moving on units in it. And then we're considering maybe one more moving on building, because the speaker before, it is an excellent program, and a great way to both help people at multiple levels, and save money at the same time. We also are applying for federal housing choice vouchers that are designed to assist people experiencing homelessness. I believe we've requested about a hundred ...

Jeff Kositsky: 138, 138 vouchers from the housing authority for the moving on, from HUD for the moving on program. These vouchers come from a special fund so it will allow the housing authority to actually issue these vouchers, because they still are able to issue certain types. So, hopefully we'll find out about that in a few months, and we'll be able to get that program going. But I want to point out that it's a far cry from what we were originally offered through the San Francisco Housing Authority, and hope that we can get back to that at some point soon. Mayor Breed, and the Mayor's Office of Housing, and many others are working to get the housing authority back on its feet again after many years of neglect.

Del Seymour: Okay. So, with that. I think we can adjourn our meeting. I'm asking you all if we can adjourn the meeting today in honor of a good friend, and a hard working person. His name is Lorne Morrison, who's an African American cameraman for Channel 7. He almost exclusively has covered this building for the last 25 years. At every event, major or minor, in the city of San Francisco. And he just recently passed away. So, we will adjourn the meeting. He was called the Gentleman Photographer for San Francisco. What a nice man. He passed away at 71 years old. So, I'm asking you all to honor him with that. Thank you. Let me confirm the meeting space and date.

Del Seymour: Thank you all. Thank you for coming and staying for this event. Thank you.